

TO: Members of the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

FROM: Howard Blin, Community Engagement Manager

DATE: October 3, 2013

SUBJECT: **October 9th Committee of the Whole**

Meeting Location

The meeting will be held at the Crown Roller Mill Building, 105 5th Avenue South, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Agenda

1. City Funding for Neighborhood and Community Organizations

At the September 24th Commission Meeting questions were raised about the source of funding for the Community Participation Program, the One Minneapolis Fund and the proposed Community innovation Fund. Since time was limited at that meeting for a full discussion of funding sources and not all members were present, the matter of program funding will be discussed again at the Committee of the Whole.

The NCEC provides recommendations on three existing or proposed funding programs for neighborhood organizations and community organizations:

- *Community Participation Program (CPP)*. This program began in 2011 and provides funding to neighborhood organizations on a formula basis. Funding is available for administration of neighborhood organizations and for neighborhood identified priorities. Funding allocations to neighborhoods currently cover a three year period with annual appropriations made to the program through the City's budget process.
- *Community Innovation Program (CIF)*. This proposed program would provide grants awarded through a competitive process to neighborhood organizations. The program is intended to fund innovative initiatives by neighborhoods in addressing City identified priorities. An emphasis for the program would be on initiatives from multiple neighborhood organizations or collaborations between neighborhoods and organizations serving cultural communities.

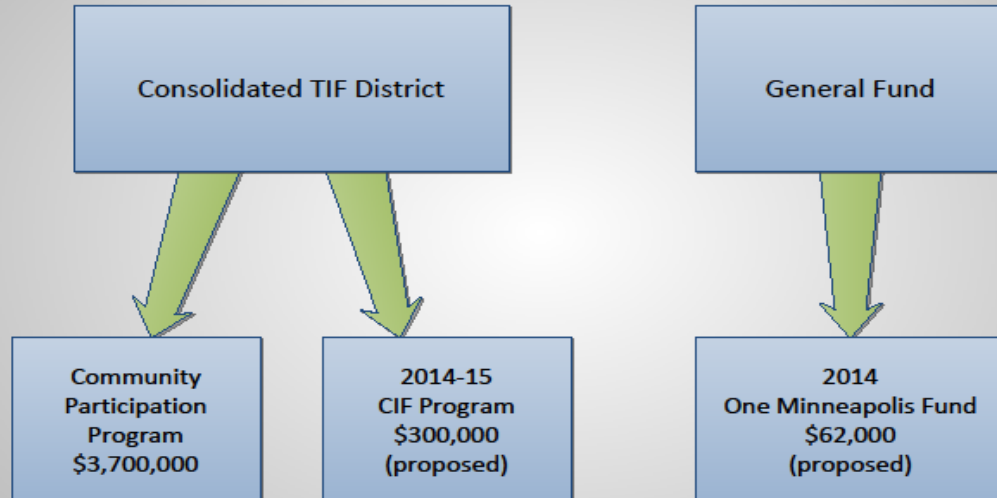
- *One Minneapolis Fund*. This program began in 2013 and provides small grants to community organizations for projects involving leadership development or community engagement activities.

There are two sources of funding for these programs:

Consolidated TIF District – The Consolidated Tax Increment Tax Financing District was created in 2010 and will expire in 2020. The district includes a number of properties in and around downtown, the tax increment from which is captured to fund neighborhood programs and the Target Center. This source currently funds the Community Participation Program and would also fund the proposed Community Innovation Fund.

General Fund – The City’s General Fund receives revenue from the general property tax levy. A wide range of City activities are funded through this source, including police and fire services, public works, and general government expenses. The General Fund is the funding source for the One Minneapolis Fund

Sources of NCR Program Funds



Below is a summary of sources and uses of funding for neighborhood funding for the life of the Consolidated TIF District.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM FUNDING (\$ MILLIONS)										
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Revenue										
Consolidated TIF	\$5.3			\$5.1	\$5.3	\$5.4	\$5.4	\$5.5	\$5.5	\$5.6
NRP		\$10.0								
Uses										
CFF	\$3.0	\$3.6	\$3.6	\$3.7	\$3.8	\$3.9	\$4.0	\$4.1	\$4.2	\$4.3
Neighborhood Support	\$0.7	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.3	\$1.4	\$1.4	\$1.4
CIF					\$0.3		\$0.3		\$0.3	
Emergency Fund		\$0.2				\$0.2				
Fund Balance	\$1.6	\$5.7	\$0.9	\$1.1	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.4	\$0.3

2. Community Innovation Fund (CIF)

In recent months the Commission has discussed development of the CIF. Discussion has centered on the process to be followed for program development and priorities to be addressed by neighborhoods through the program. At the October 9th meeting it is suggested that the Commission develop consensus on a schedule for program development and the process for engaging neighborhoods in the drafting the CIF. If time allows the Committee can also begin the discussion of what organizations or groups of organizations should be eligible for the CIF.

Schedule

The following is a proposed schedule for NCEC and Committee of the Whole action on the CIF. It is expected that the schedule will be revised as the process moves forward.

October 9, 2013 CoW Meeting

- Schedule for CIF development
- Discussion on engagement process

October 22 NCEC Meeting

- Report and adoption of schedule

November 26, 2013 CoW Meeting

- Finalize engagement process
- Discussion of program priorities

January 9, 2014 CoW Meeting

- Finalize program priorities

January 22 NCEC Meeting

- Adopt program priorities for public review

February 12, 2014 CoW Meeting

- Discussion of program guidelines

March 13 CoW Meeting

- Finalize program guidelines

March 25, 2014 NCEC Meeting

- Adopt program guidelines for public review

April – May 2014 Public Review Period

June 2014 NCEC Recommendation to City Council on Program Guidelines

July 2014 City Council Action

August – September 2014 Solicit Funding Proposals